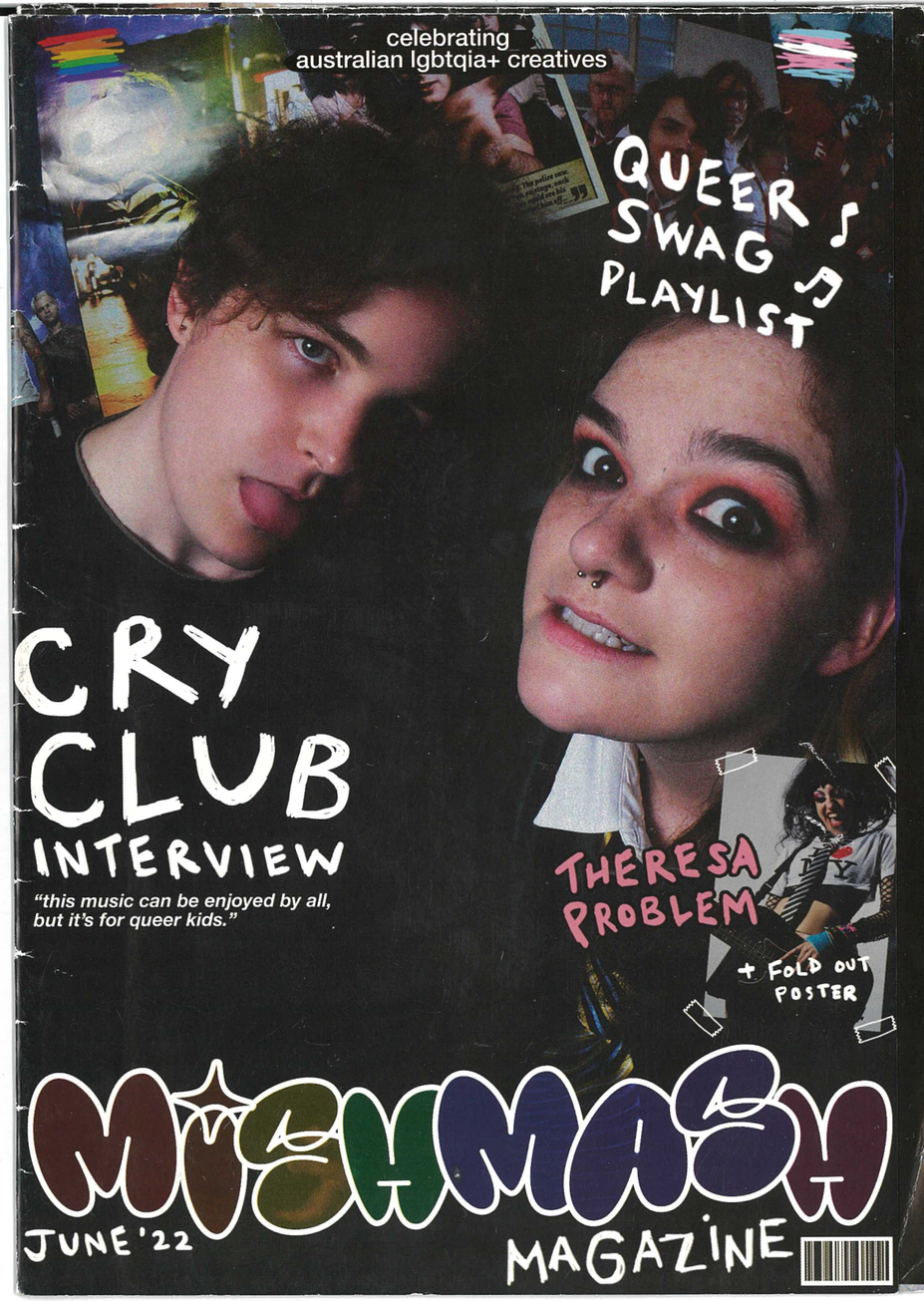
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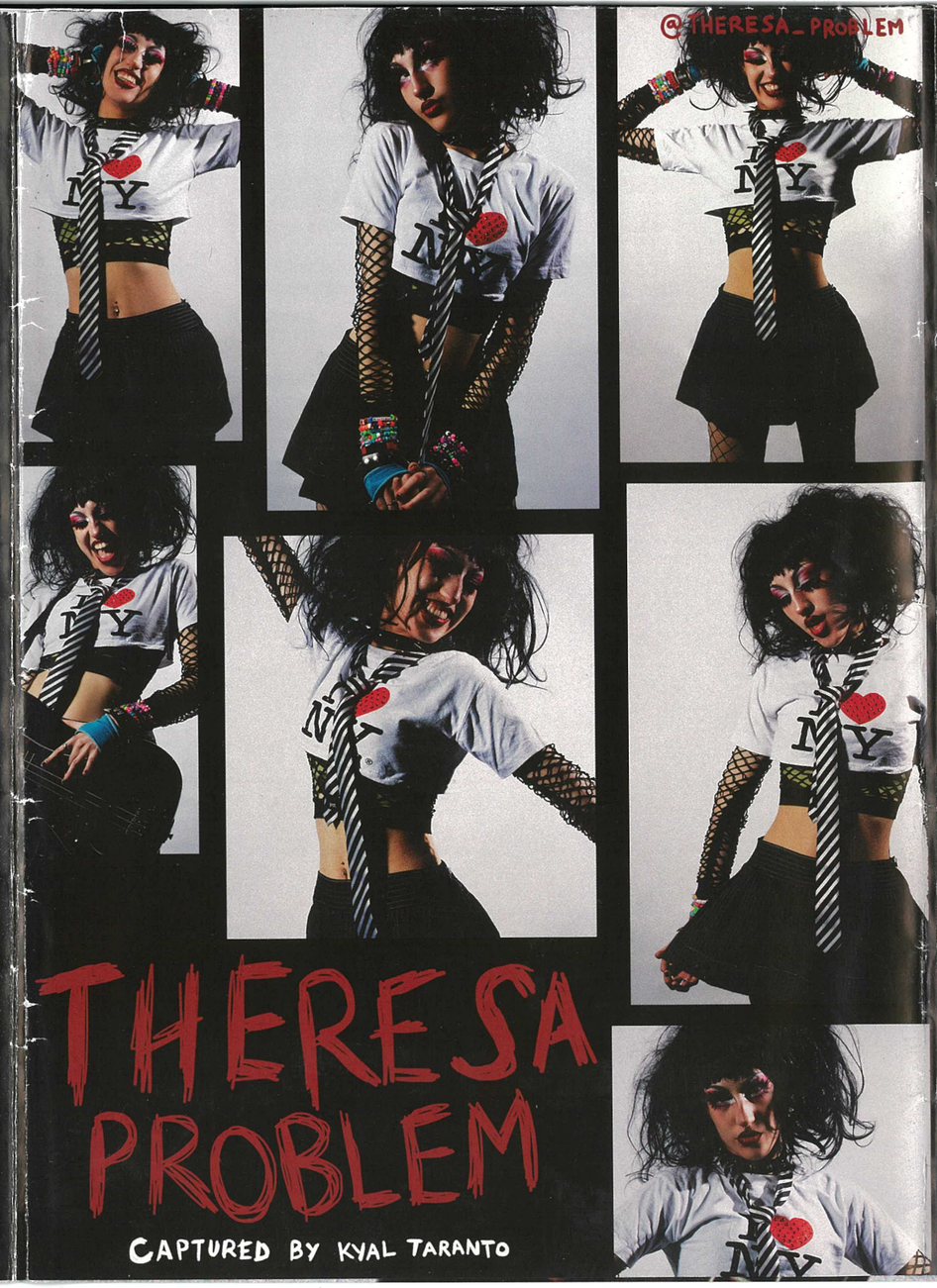

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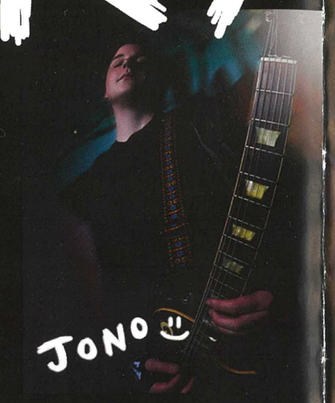
AN INTERVIEW WITH CRY CLUB

we sat down with heather and jono from cry club to discuss being queer in the music industry



HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT BEING IDENTIFIED AS "QUEER ARTISTS"?

H: a while back, we were interviewed and the headline read something like: "cry club: not just another queer band" which was totally made up.

J: and we thought 'f*** you! we WANT to be that!' being explicit about being queer has been a lightening rod for us: it's not all we are, but it informs who we want to connect to. putting this forward helps us reach who we want to reach.

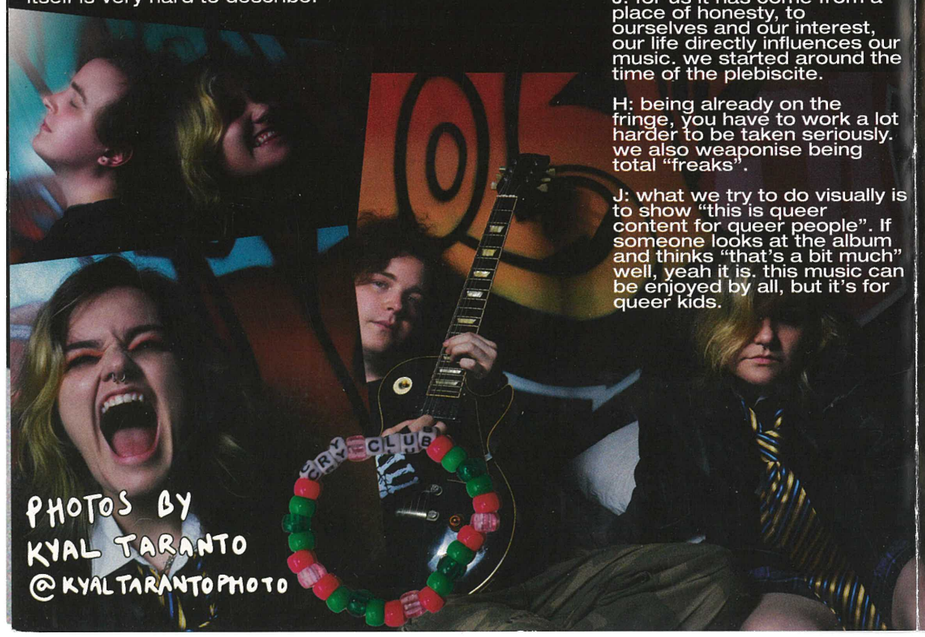
H: we don't mind "queer" being in front of everything, but we are also a weirdo punk band! being hypervisible means reaching queer kids and then introducing them to the music, because the music itself is very hard to describe.

HOW HAS YOUR QUEER IDENTITY AFFECTED YOUR MUSIC?

J: for us it has come from a place of honesty, to ourselves and our interest, our life directly influences our music. we started around the time of the plebiscite.

H: being already on the fringe, you have to work a lot harder to be taken seriously. we also weaponise being total "freaks".

J: what we try to do visually is to show "this is queer content for queer people". If someone looks at the album and thinks "that's a bit much" well, yeah it is. this music can be enjoyed by all, but it's for queer kids.



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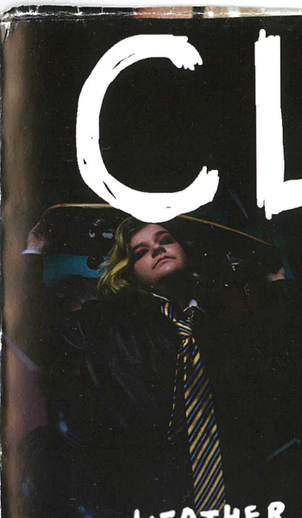


HEATHER

RU PAUL'S DRAG RACE IS THE KEY WAY YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 18 ARE EXPOSED TO DRAG: THOUGHTS ON DRAG RACE?

J: it's great for giving amazing opportunity for exposure, however it's very binary

interviewer: i always tell my parents that drag race is like, gay media for straight people.

J: yeah! it's so challenging deciding how positive this is.

MELBOURNE OR SYDNEY? WHY?

J: gotta go melbourne

H: i'm conflicted: overall i love melbourne, but 2200 represent! plus there's fantastic music coming out of western sydney.

J: sydney has been through different phases: when i started playing music, there were still lockout laws, so a lot of venues got destroyed.

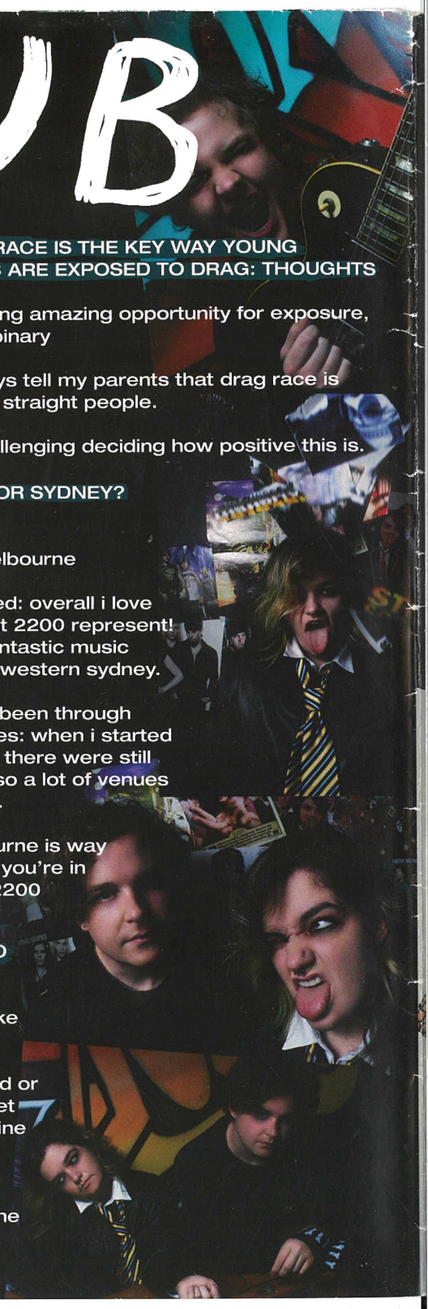
H: also melbourne is way cooler. unless you're in bankstown. #2200

WHAT PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUNG QUEER ARTISTS?

J: you are your best self when you are most like you.

H: make something you love, whether it's good or not. if you enjoy it that's all that matters, and let the people around you feed into that. it's still fine to write bad songs, and you can feel it when someone's put their everything into it.

J: i would rather play a smaller show with all the people in on the joke, than a bigger crowd of people who don't get it.



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A GUIDE TO NEOPRONOUNS

WHAT ARE NEOPRONOUNS?

neoprounons are pronouns that aren't she/he/they or conjugations of she/he/they.
a neopronoun can be a word used to serve as a pronoun without expressing gender.
neopronouns, like standard pronouns, can be used as a single set or people can use more than one set of pronouns!
neopronouns CAN be fun and silly for some people but serious and gender-affirming to others, so respect is always key.

EXAMPLES OF NEOPRONOUNS INCLUDE:

it/its/itself - it would like its drinkbottle
fae/faer/faeself - that's faer bag
eir/ey/em - I want to sit with em.

BY ALIA
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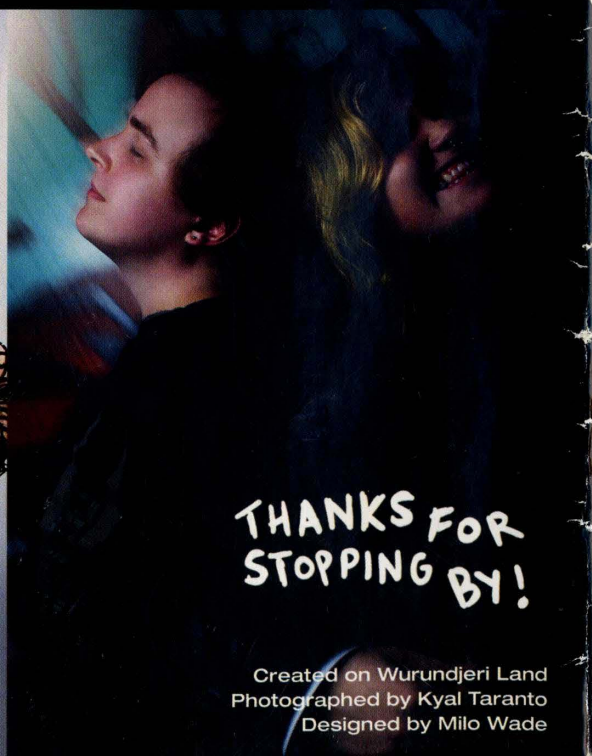
HOW TO USE NEOPRONOUNS:

neopronouns work the same as standard pronouns.
for example, if you know someone who uses xe pronouns, you could say:
xe likes the colour of the sky.



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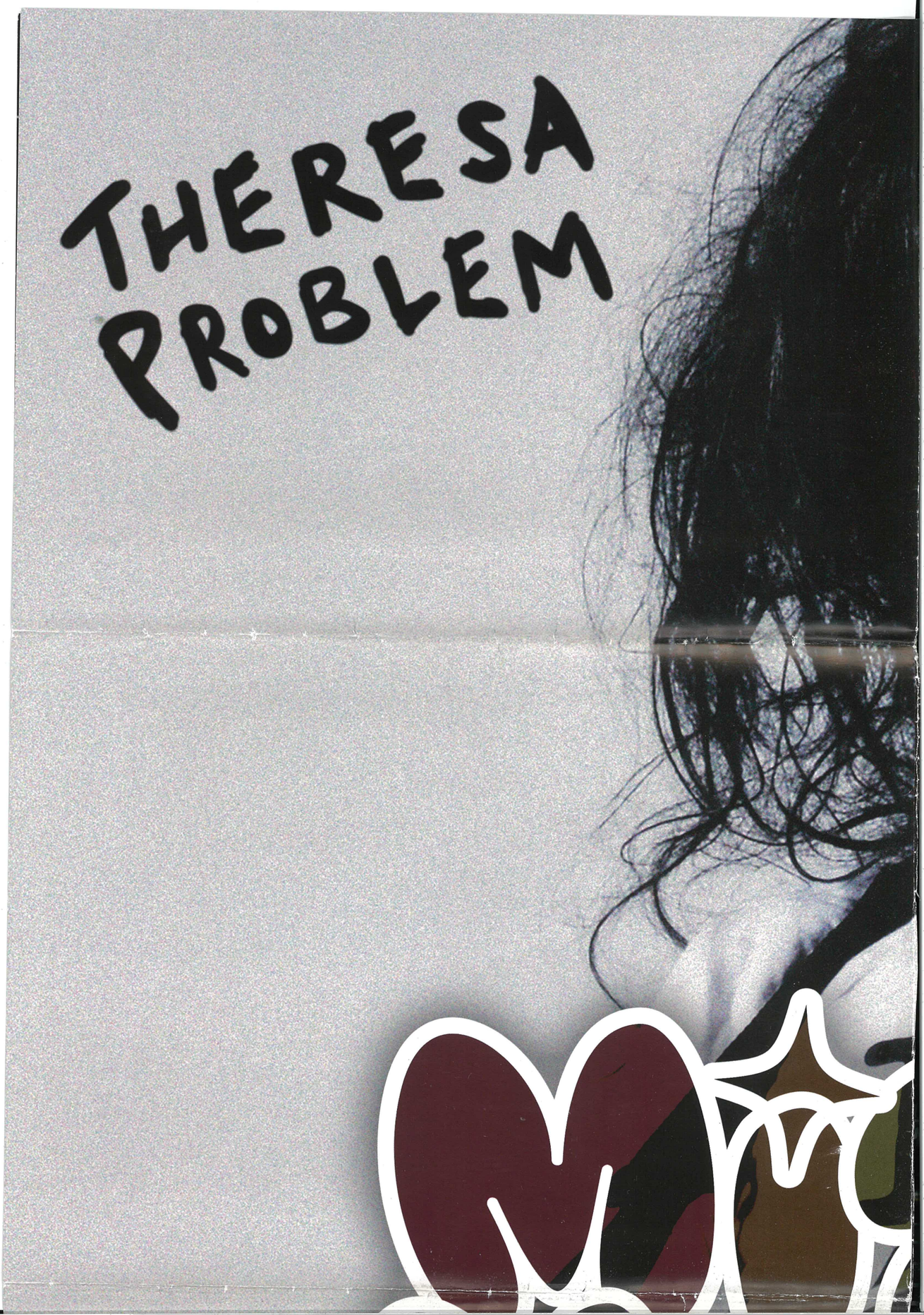

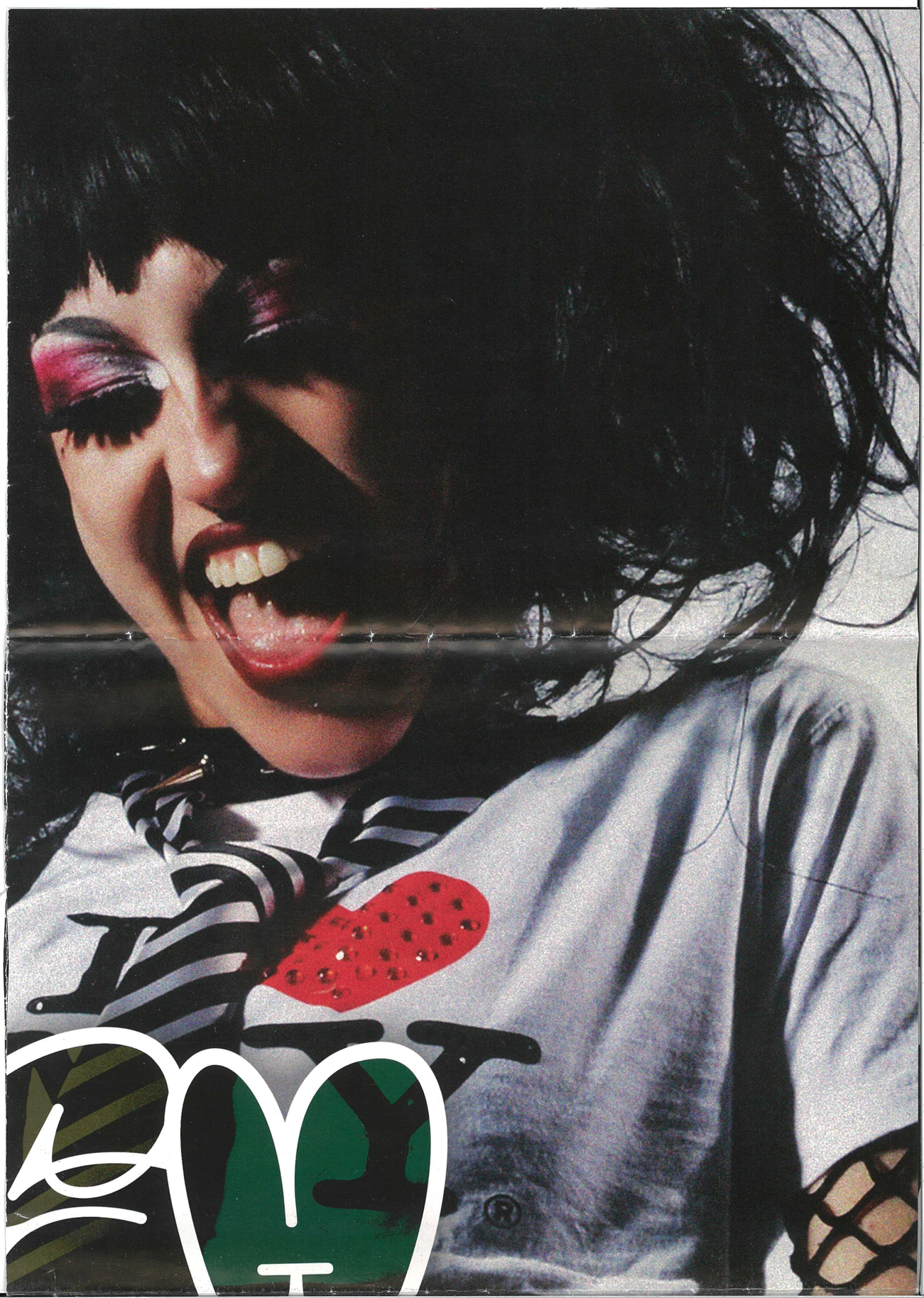

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